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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were lower in all areas when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment ranged barely steady to weak. Retail and distributive demand was slow to instances moderate, slightly better into fast food channels. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to ample and slow to clear, even when discounted. Floor stocks were balanced to long. In the parts structure, trading was mostly light to no better than fair following the weekend. Breast items were fully adequate to burdensome and heavily discounted to improve interest. Dark meat and wings were readily available to fully sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy weights.

**Final Report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 24-SEP-2007 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	WTD AVG	COMPOSITE		
			LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	72.54	17
Chicago	65.00-68.00	68.75	30 :	62.93	62
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	64.74	20
Denver	87.50	87.15	13 :	87.36	14
Detroit	66.00-71.00	71.50	10 :	68.52	52
Los Angeles	88.00	87.22	60 :	80.61	124
New York	72.00-75.00	73.67	21 :	73.16	53
Philadelphia	71.50-73.00	72.36	11 :	70.37	23
Pittsburgh	71.00-74.00	72.91	11 :	75.58	56
St. Louis	67.50-68.75	67.81	19 :	70.20	29
San Francisco	88.50	88.68	30 :	83.74	75

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	09/24/07	Change Last Wk	09/17/07	09/25/06
525	74.12	-3.79	77.91	65.62

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delivered to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities:

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
Eastern	72.00-74.50	73.18	32
Central	45.00-73.00	62.43	70
Western	61.00-74.00	71.34	44

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	78.00-82.00	80.89	86
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broiler/fryers for this week's trading is 81.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	
1,122	65.00-83.00	80.58

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	194.00	1,383
BREASTS - B/S	173.00	5,775
BREASTS - WHOLE	107.00	1,412
THIGH MEAT - B/S	111.50	1,140
LEG QUARTERS	47.00	9,086
WINGS	130.00	2,712

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive as most dealers saw no need to extend floor stocks beyond regular commitments. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate to readily available for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was weak. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts and tenders were readily available and competitively priced; bone-in breasts and most dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings were mostly adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

**SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was weak. Demand following the weekend was slow to fair with trading usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to ample and discounted to help clear additional product. In the parts structure, demand was fair at best for early week trading. Breast items were fully adequate to plentiful and heavily discounted. Wings were mostly sufficient, and dark meat was readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The final majority prices were 1 cent lower throughout the region. The market tone was weak. Trading on regular commitments were lower; however new negotiations were at sharply lower prices. Buyers' interest was fair at best. Retailer demand was light to moderate. Dealers reported moderate to heavier than desired weekend carryovers. The market tone was about steady to weak on parts with breasts remaining in the weakest position. Trading reported on parts were 46-55 on leg quarters, 107-119 on leg meat, 132-139 on wings, 88-114 on breasts with ribs attached and 120-137 on boneless breasts. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average down 9.12 to 63.76 with the volume reported up 3 percent to 34 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices decreased into all markets; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was barely steady to weak. Offerings were ample and heavily discounted. Retail and food service demand was generally slow to moderate; some fast food was moderate to good. Floor stocks adequate to long, weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade was light and inactive for the most part. Supplies of breast cuts were plentiful and strongly discounted, wings and dark meat cuts were available. The market tone was weak on breast items and cautiously steady on all other parts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair at best and generally unaggressive entering the week. Seller offerings were closely balanced to fully adequate for immediate delivery. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable but, trending heavier. Processor schedules were mostly moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 74 to 88 cents. Trade sentiment was usually weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, b/s breast items were fully adequate to ample and discounted for a very light and cautious buying interest. Wings were mostly adequate and dark meat cuts were fully sufficient for present trade requirements.

**\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.**

### BRANDED U.S.GRADE A

RANGE	66-91
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operation.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest was mostly light and unaggressive entering the week with most dealers content with limiting orders to most immediate needs. Supplies of breast items and tenders were readily available and competitively priced for the lackluster buyer interest. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient for current needs and wings were at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was weak for breast items and tenders. The balance of items were steady at best.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	145	136.74	362,080
TENDERLOINS	135	141.91	106,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	91-92	99.10	108,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	91	91.11	81,000
LEGS	61-62	64.43	82,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	44-45	45.48	206,280
DRUMSTICKS	64-65	67.84	42,720
THIGHS	53-54	62.28	41,960
B/S THIGHS	110-111	113.58	51,740
WINGS (WHOLE)	128-129	129.90	127,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.12	17,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.58	6,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	75.06	10,080

NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,425	109.00-223.00	-	141.87
TENDERLOINS	405	106.00-242.00	-	129.75
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,337	39.00-45.00	39-42	41.77
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,106	43.00-46.00	43	43.07
WINGS (WHOLE)	817	88.00-128.00	-	115.23
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
THIGHS	1,609	42.00-52.00	42	42.06

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (In Thousands)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	09/24	09/20	09/20	09/17	09/13
Alabama	4,256	4,131	5.51	4,106	5.52
Arkansas	5,340	5,093	5.31	5,307	5.25
Delmarva	2,281	2,290	5.97	2,283	5.75
KY-LA-TN	2,477	2,475	5.09	2,353	5.04
Mississippi	3,103	3,150	5.56	3,148	5.49
North Carolina	2,937	2,835	6.91	2,871	6.85
Texas	2,500	2,570	5.30	2,506	5.27
Total	22,894	22,544	5.62	22,574	5.56
Mon	22,894 (A)			22,574 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Sep 2007 is estimated to be 34,252,000 up 1.11 percent from a week ago. and up 3.9 percent from a year ago. (last week 33,875,000 last year 32,972,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	145	48.00-65.00	53-54	54.86
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	520	37.00-47.00	40-41	40.58
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	689	39.00-48.00	43-44	43.27
WINGS (WHOLE)	305	110.00-126.00	-	115.07
WINGS (CUT)	145	128.00-141.00	-	134.66
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR SEP 24, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
53.50 - 61.50	56.63	56.50

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

#### MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS

ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 24-SEP-2007 TO 28-SEP-2007, CENTS PER POUND

	Price per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	105.00-164.00	115.00-140.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	60.00-116.00	92.00-104.00
LEGS	58.00- 65.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38.00- 51.00	44.00- 47.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	43.00- 49.00	46.00- 49.00
DRUMSTICKS	55.00- 70.00	-
THIGHS	51.00- 62.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	105.00-134.00	110.00-125.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00- 25.00	-
LIVERS	32.00- 47.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00- 65.00	-

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
2# & UP - WHOLE	94-110
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	97.5-114.5

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP  
FROZEN DUCKS  
FROZEN SQUABS

#### DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

FRESH FRYERS	92-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118

HENS UNDER 5#  
HENS OVER 5# 70-79

DUCKS  
RABBITS-WHOLE  
RABBITS-CUT UP

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
BROILER/FRYER 2# & OVER	ICE PACK 126
	DRY PACK 130
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 145
	DRY PACK 125
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 109
	DRY PACK 124
DUCKS	199-204

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED ---- PRICES ---- ---- VOLUME ----**

(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.00	15.00-16.00	586,800	260,800
WTD AVERAGE	18.00	15.75		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-21.00	11.00-16.00	1,890,400	1,070,400
WTD AVERAGE	18.29	13.40		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

SEPT 21, 2007

**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED ---- PRICES ---- ---- VOLUME ----**

(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	13.00-16.00	142,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.14		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-20.00	11.00-15.50	1,686,000	404,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.11	12.73		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HENS**

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was fair to moderate at best for the at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-SEP-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-13		9.91
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HENS**

Trading levels were unchanged to lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-SEP-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13		9.47

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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